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In response to the Office Action dated August 7, 2003, attached is a response relating to the above-identified application.

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For:	ERK-5 DEFICIENT ANIMALS AND METHODS OF INHIBITING ANGIOGENESIS THROUGH THE INHIBITION OF ERK-5

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Examiner Shukla:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 7, 2003 relating to the above-identified application.

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INTRODUCTORY MATTER

The Examiner has restricted originally filed claims 1-21 of the above-identified application into the following 6 groups:

- Group I. Claims 1-12, drawn to a transgenic non-human mammal whose genome is heterozygous for a mutant ERK-5 gene and cells thereof;
- Group II. Claims 13-15, drawn to a method or treating angiogenesis by administering an antibody to ERK-5 protein;
- Group III. Claims 13-15, drawn to a method or treating angiogenesis by administering an oligonucleotide that prevents expression of ERK-5 protein;
- Group IV. Claims 13-15, drawn to a method or treating angiogenesis by administering a small molecule inhibitor of ERK-5 protein;
- Group V. Claims 16-19, drawn to a method or treating angiogenesis by administering a chemical entity that increases expression of ERK-5 protein; and
- Group VI. Claims 20-21, drawn to a method or treating angiogenesis by administering a combination of compounds.

Applicants elect the invention of Group VI (claims 20-21), without traverse, for further prosecution in this application. In light of this election, applicants cancel claims 1-19 relating to non-elected subject matter. The cancellation of these claims is without prejudice to Applicants' ability to file and obtain patent protection for claims directed to this cancelled subject matter in applications claiming priority to the present application under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

For further prosecution of elected Group VI, please amend the application as follows: